

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: November 14, 2016
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office
Present: Chairman Kermit R. Williams. Selectmen William F. Condra and Steven J McDonough.
Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Williams.

North End Project

The presentation on the project at the North End of the Town Hall was given by representatives Matt Wheaton, Mike Farhm, and Steve Hart from MacMillian. Matt gave his company's history. They are presenting a 10-12 week project schedule. They will obtain three bids for the project. Between now and March they will need drawings at 50% completion. They offered to participate and present at the Town Meeting. They spoke about contingency saying that they build one in. If there were asbestos issues the Town would have to deal with that as this firm would not. They suggested that we talk to Kurt Grassett from the Town of Hancock. There was further discussion about asbestos and the removal process. When asked about the effect Town Office workers being here daily would have, they said they work in sections. Steve Hart will leave daily communications with someone here as to what is going on each day. They will have to take the theater men's room out of commission for some time. They will meet with the Fire Chief. Someone will be on-site at all times. Matt outlined some of the fees. Chairman Williams would like to get references. Allison Meltzer can speak to their work at the Gregg Free Library and the Hancock Meeting House. Chairman Williams thanked them.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Yoga Classes

Town Office employee Jeannette Vinton was present to talk about a yoga class that she would like to offer. She does gentle yoga and yoga for seniors. She would like to offer an eight week course at no charge to employees. She has insurance coverage and she also has a waiver that she would have the students sign. She would like to continue after the initial eight week session and offer it to the public for a fee. She is certified for levels 1-3. Chairman Williams was fine with her offering it free to employees for eight weeks, but he is unsure about a business operation thereafter. Yogafit is the name of her company. Selectman McDonough suggested a re-visit after the first eight week session. He said to try it with town employees, see how it's working then come back to the Selectmen. Chairman Williams agrees and asked her to speak to the yoga business owner across the street. TA Scott Butcher is concerned with it being a public room.

Motion: Selectman McDonough moved to allow use of the Courtroom on Wednesday mornings for an eight week period at which point it will be revisited. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative. Motion carries.

Front End Loader Quote

TA Scott Butcher presented the latest loader quote with the added plow and box system. The warranty has been increased. TA Scott Butcher recommend going for the longer term with 0% interest payments and see what happens at Town Meeting. This will be presented to the Budget Committee on Thursday night.

Property Re-valuation Letter

Resident Tom Schultz was next on the agenda to discuss the property revaluation letter that was received from the Town. His lot is B-127-1 at 122 Burton Highway. The first problem is that the letter was undated. He talked about his evaluation, saying that the letter stated his value was going down and then his final tax bill showed it went up. Because the letter said the value was going down he did not set up an appointment for a hearing and so lost his chance to meet with the Assessor. Chairman Williams has heard this scenario from others as well. He said there were things he would like to do differently next time. The timing was an issue this year. This Board is the assessing official but we contract it out. The schedule was way too tight; Todd made modifications based on comments from the Select Board. The Selectmen agreed that there should have been additional opportunity for re-hearing. Treasurer Jerry Greene asked if Todd went in after the hearings and changed all these assessments. Chairman Williams said they got to do a review after the final numbers but the schedule was tight. Jerry asked why he would have changed any properties other than the people who came in for the hearings. There was further discussion. Chairman Williams stated that he is not happy with the process being based on sales. It was agreed that there should have been more time for hearings after the tax bill went out. The Selectmen would like to have Todd come to a future Selectmen's meeting.

Tax Collector Issues

Jane Farrell would like an enhanced explanation of the whole revaluation cycle. Jane told the Board that the 2016 tax bills were issued. The bottom line on the bills is correct but the breakdown is not; she carried the 2015 breakdown forward. Jane has called the DRA and Bernie Wahl the Tax Association's lawyer and she has talked to Attorney Little. The net bill is the same with the exception of a few. Si agreed that she just needs to post the correction or send a letter. TA Scott Butcher thinks it would confuse the issue with a letter so he thinks posting it suffices. Selectman McDonough agreed. Then there was a discussion on the valuation changes. Jane can merge a list for them. Chairman Williams said the changes were based on changing the formulas.

Added and Abated taxes

Jane gave the Board a list of taxes they agreed to abate in 2016.

There was discussion about the taxes on the church and a discussion about SegTel.

A discussion about the Quinn pit followed. Chairman Williams gave history. Selectman McDonough wants to read the lease and study it before he votes.

Motion: Chairman Williams moved to abate the tax on the Wilton Main Street Association, lot J-048, Pine Hill School, lot F-099-01T, and the Wilton Masonic Temple (partial) as written and send an added tax bill to Wilton Telephone Company and Eversource as outlined on Jane's sheet. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative. Motion carries.

Audience member Daniel TwoEagles wants to understand the letter and difference in assessment.

Chairman Williams explained and said the Assessor will be in next week. Selectman McDonough will look into this.

Chairman Williams made a motion to go into non-public session at 8:35 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(c). The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

The regular meeting was called to order at 10:25 P.M. Chairman Williams moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic meeting, seconded by Selectman Condra. Motion passed with vote: Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye; McDonough, Aye.

Richfield Way

Minutes from a Selectmen's meeting regarding Richfield Way were reviewed. As soon as the first Occupancy Permit is issued the road will be maintained by the Town. Richfield way is accepted as a Town road with the first Occupancy Permit.

Old/New Business

The property at 15 Gregg Street was discussed.

MACC Base update. TA Scott Butcher called spoke to Milford's Town Administrator and reported his findings to the Board.

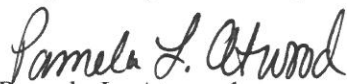
FSA Dependent Care plan. TA Scott Butcher will get final numbers to present to the Board.

The North End project was discussed.

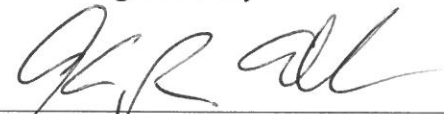
Energy Committee ideas were discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 P.M. by Selectman McDonough, seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.


Respectfully submitted;



Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary



Kermit R. Williams, Chairman



William F. Condra

11-21-16

Steven J. McDonough

Date Signed